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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend said application as follows. This amendment cancels claims being prosecuted in this application's parent case and does not represent a disclaimer or waiver of the claimed subject matter.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-39.

Please add the following claims:

40. (Newly Added) In an electronic card assembly, wherein the improvement comprises said card rotating to an angle of less than approximately 12° during a torque test which applies a torque of greater than approximately 1.2 N-m.

41. (Newly Added) The electronic card assembly as recited in claim 40, wherein